

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

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new claims 44-47 added; remaining claims unchanged (1 page)]

40. The method of Claim 38 or 39 wherein said matrix of elements comprises elements bounded by N sides where N is an integer in the range 1 to 20.
41. The method of Claim 40 wherein each of said sides is  
5 straight.
42. A gaming machine as substantially herein described and with reference to the accompanying drawings.
43. A method of playing a gaming machine as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.
- 10 44. The gaming machine of any one of claims 1 to 28 wherein adjacent elements are staggered in a horizontal direction.
45. The gaming machine of claim 44 wherein each element of said adjacent elements is bounded by six sides.
- 15 46. The method of any one of claims 29 to 41 wherein adjacent elements are staggered in a horizontal direction.
47. The method of claim 46 wherein each element of said adjacent elements is bounded by six sides.